Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), known as Lou Gehrig's disease, motor neurons die, leading to the paralysis of voluntary muscles, including those used for breathing and swallowing; and,

Whereas, There is no cure, and death often occurs within two to five years of an ALS diagnosis; and,

Whereas, Approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States have ALS and 5,000 are diagnosed each year with the fatal disease that strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and,

Whereas, Finding the cause and cure will prevent ALS from robbing many Americans of their dignity and lives; and,

Whereas, The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is the world leader in providing funding for ALS research and services, having dedicated $354 million to worldwide research programs, support services, and comprehensive medical treatment; and,

Whereas, ALS Awareness Week is designed to increase awareness for this disease, and the state of South Dakota joins MDA in its commitment to supporting ALS research and awareness:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 22-28, 2016, as

MDA ALS AWARENESS WEEK

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State